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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 10, 2006, please enter the following Amendment.

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

The presently pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.